

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Minister
of Foreign Affairs*

No. 244
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STOCKHOLM, June 29, 1933

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor, acting under instructions from my Government, to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States will, after the fourth of July, 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Sweden desiring to visit the United States (including insular possessions), who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924;³ namely, 1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants and employees, 2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, 3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, 4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, 5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and, 6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation; and that it is understood that from the same date the Government of Sweden will extend similar treatment, on the basis of reciprocity, to

¹ EAS 198, *post*, p. 823.

² TIAS 1798, *post*, p. 834.

³ 43 Stat. 153.

non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Sweden.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

ALEXANDER R. MAGRUDER

His Excellency

RICKARD SANDLER

Acting Royal Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs

Etc., Etc., Etc.

Stockholm

*The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires
ad interim*

STOCKHOLM, June 29th 1925

MONSIEUR LE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES,

I have the honor to inform you that the Swedish Government will, after the 4th of July 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of the United States desiring to visit Sweden, belonging to the categories mentioned below, viz:

- 1) A Government official, his family, attendants, servants and employees,
- 2) A citizen of the United States visiting Sweden temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure,
- 3) A citizen of the United States in continuous transit through Sweden,
- 4) A citizen of the United States lawfully admitted to Sweden, who later goes in transit from one part of Sweden to another through foreign contiguous territory,
- 5) A bona fide seaman, serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of Sweden and seeking to enter temporarily Sweden solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman,
- 6) A citizen of the United States entitled to enter Sweden solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation,

and that it is understood that from the same date the Government of the United States will extend similar treatment, on the basis of reciprocity, to non-immigrant Swedish subjects of like classes desiring to visit the United States.

However it is presumed that the category referred to above under 2) shall be considered as including persons, who, for the purpose of studies or in order to acquire extended experience in their professions are desirous to go to Sweden resp. the United States.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Monsieur le Chargé d'Affaires, the assurance of my high consideration.

For the Minister:

K. I. WESTMAN

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Acting Minister
of Foreign Affairs*

No. 245

STOCKHOLM, June 30, 1925

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of June 29, 1925, in which you were good enough to inform me that the Swedish Government will, after the fourth of July, 1925, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens of the United States desiring to visit Sweden belonging to the six categories which you enumerated.

In reply I beg to inform Your Excellency that the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924 does not class students as non-immigrants and that, consequently, persons, desirous of proceeding to the United States for the purpose of study or to acquire extended experience in their professions, do not fall within any of the categories mentioned in your note under acknowledgment.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

ALEXANDER R. MAGRUDER

His Excellency

RICKARD SANDLER

Acting Royal Minister for Foreign Affairs

Etc., Etc., Etc.

Stockholm